

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Hawkes

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EXAMINER: FOX, DAVID T

FOR: METHOD OF SELECTIVELY PRODUCING MALE OR FEMALE STERILE PLANTS

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 28, 2009, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following remarks and arguments into the record for the above-referenced application. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks and arguments.

Applicants believe there are no fees due with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees deemed necessary, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1744 in the name of Syngenta Biotechnology, Inc.

Amendments to the Specification begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on Page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 5 of this paper.